

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1274

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sandy Adams upon her selection as the Tennessee Academy of Science Outstanding Teacher for 2010.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Adams is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a seventh-grade and eighth-grade science teacher at Del Rio Elementary School, Ms. Adams has recently been selected as the Tennessee Academy of Science Outstanding Teacher for 2010, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this award is annually given to one science teacher in each grand division of Tennessee who has made significant contributions to science teaching and learning; it was presented to Ms. Adams by Dr. Jack Rhoton, Executive Director of the Center of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education and Professor of Science Education at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), during the annual meeting of the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science held April 16 in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, begun in 1997 by the Tennessee Academy of Science, this awards program recognizes outstanding science teachers; with this honor, Ms. Adams received a plaque and a \$100 cash award from the Academy; and

WHEREAS, after earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from Covenant College, Ms. Adams completed additional graduate work at Furman University in Zoology and Foundational Approaches to Scientific Thinking; she has presented numerous science-related workshops at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, in her classroom today, Ms. Adams actively involves her students in science fair competitions and after-school study of related science topics; she has developed and implemented a water control study for her students, organized and constructed recycling programs for her school and community, and provided opportunities for and accompanied students to various environmental camps; and

WHEREAS, by creating effective learning environments for her students to become actively involved in inquiry and problem solving, Ms. Adams provides opportunities for her students to ask and answer thought-provoking questions about the world; and

WHEREAS, she incorporates the use of hands-on and process-oriented activities for her students, who consistently meet and exceed annual gains in the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Adams has also been recognized by the Cocke County Soil Conservation District as Educator of the Year in 2001 and as the district winner of the Tennessee Science Teacher Association Science Educator of the Year in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams brings great enthusiasm and energy to her classroom, motivating her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Adams truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sandy Adams on her selection as the Tennessee Academy of Science Outstanding Teacher for 2010, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.